

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, it is in everyone's best interest to have their own voices heard in critical care, emergency care and end-of-life circumstances; and

WHEREAS, as a result of recommendations from the Attorney General's End-of-Life Task Force, the Vermont General Assembly passed a comprehensive Advance Directive law in 2005; and

WHEREAS, a component of Vermont's Advance Directive law was the establishment in 2007 of the Vermont Advance Directive Registry; and

WHEREAS, the Advance Directive Registry is an important tool for making an individual's documents immediately available to health care providers in need of information about critical health care and end-of-life wishes through an electronic database; and

WHEREAS, by completing an Advance Directive, Vermonters are able to communicate end of life choices on a timely basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 9 - 16, 2016 as

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WEEK

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of
Vermont on this 13th day of April, A.D. 2016



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peter Shumlin', followed by a long horizontal line.

Peter Shumlin
Governor